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MODIFIED WALL STRUCTURE FOR COMBINED HANDBAG AND CHANGE PURSE


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This invention relates to containers, and refers, more particularly, to a bag or other container with a change purse built in, the purse having compartments accessible from inside the bag, at least one of which is also accessible from outside the bag. While the invention is herein-described as applicable to ladies' bags, it can be also used in men's and ladies' suits, dresses, coats or other wearing apparel, travelling bags and utility cases of all kinds, and also in automobiles and other vehicles.

An object of the present invention is to make available the contents of a lady's change purse inside a handbag without having to open the handbag.

A further object is to attach the purse to a wall of the handbag so that the user may always know where it is instead of having to "fish" for it among the varied loose contents of the handbag.

Another object is to provide compartments in the change purse, one of which is readily accessible only from the interior of the handbag, the other of which is accessible from the exterior through an opening in the wall to which it is attached.

Another object is that the compartment readily accessible from the interior only may also be reached from the exterior by certain manipulation.

Another object is the provision of reinforcing means for the wall opening, whereby it is adapted to be opened and closed by a slide fastener, without adding to the weight of the bag.

Other objects will become apparent in the course of the following specification.

In accomplishing the objects of the present invention, it was found desirable to provide a handbag and a change purse, the purse having the usual hinged metal frame and a central longitudinal partition of cloth or the like dividing its interior into two compartments. One wall of the purse and one wall of the handbag are slitted near the tops thereof, and with the purse inside the bag the corresponding sides of the slits in the purse and bag are sewn together by seams which also fix a slide fastener in the single slit thus formed.

In operation, when the slide fastener is open the hand of the user may be placed through the slit from outside the bag into the outer of the two compartments of the purse. The frame of the purse extends above and on both ends of the slide fastener, being connected thereto by the material of the purse and bag, and the slide fastener is thus maintained in the flat extended position necessary for its operation.

The invention will appear more clearly from the following detailed description when taken in consideration with the accompanying drawings showing, by way of example, a preferred embodiment of the inventive idea.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the handbag, with the purse shown in broken lines.

Fig. 2 is a top elevation of the same, the bag being closed.

Fig. 3 is the same, with the bag open.

Fig. 4 is a section along the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is a section along the line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a section along the line 6—6 of Fig. 3.

The device of the invention comprises the bag 7 and the purse 8. The bag 7 may be closed by a slide fastener 9, or otherwise, and is generally of conventional construction. The purse 8 has sidewalls 10, 11, and a substantially central longitudinal partition 12 comprising an upward extending flap portion 13, the partition dividing the purse into an interior compartment 14 and an exterior compartment 15, the latter being so called because it is easily accessible from the exterior of the bag. The wall 11 of the purse is called the exterior wall because of its proximity to the exterior of the bag. The purse further comprises two conventional pocket book frame elements 31, 33, pivotally joined together by a hinges 39 and locked closed by interengaging snap buttons 41.

The exterior wall 11 of the purse and a wall 10 of the bag are formed with oblong openings, or slits, 22, 23, of similar size and shape. The corresponding sides of these slits are joined together, that is, the upper boundary 24 of slit 22 is sewn to the upper boundary 25 of slit 23 by a seam 28 which also fastens between them one of the longitudinal cloth elements 27 of a slide fastener 28. In like fashion the lower boundaries 29, 31, are joined by seam 32 which fastens between them the other cloth element 33 of slide fastener 38. A single opening, or slit, 34 is thus constituted by which the compartment 15 communicates with the exterior of the handbag when the slide fastener 28 is open. A cover flap 35 extends the length of the slide fastener, covering the same and providing a resting place for the slide tab 36. The flap 35 is held in place by the seam 32.

From Figures 1, 5 and 6 it is evident that the frame element 38, which is understood to be substantially stiff although possessing enough re-
silence to be slightly deformed by the operation of the snap buttons 41, extends above and beyond the two ends of the slide element 27, and is connected thereto by exterior purse wall 11 and seam 26. Frame element 38 also extends below and beyond both ends of lower slide element 33, being connected thereto by exterior purse wall 11 and seam 32.

In operation, the connection of the slide elements 27, 33, to frame element 38 keeps them extended straight and smooth and thus assures easy operation of the slide fastener 28. When the slide fastener is open, compartment 15 is directly in communication with the exterior of the bag, and compartment 14 remains closed and its contents available only through opening the bag, except as follows. The flap 13 of partition 12 may be pulled down and outward from its upward extending position by the fingers, and compartment 14 is then somewhat less than half open and the contents thereof are available.

It is apparent that the example set forth above has been given by way of illustration and not by way of limitation and that the above example is subject to wide variations and modifications, without departing from the scope or intent of the present invention. All of such variations and modifications are to be included within the scope of the present invention.

What is claimed is:

A handbag comprising in combination a bag portion and a purse portion, said portions each having wall portions, a wall portion of said bag and an adjacent wall portion of said purse being formed with parallel longitudinal slits therein, said slits comprising upper and lower boundaries for the hole thus formed through both wall portions, said upper boundary portions being fastened together by a seam, a cloth slide fastener element coextensive with said longitudinal slits being fastened between said upper boundary portions by said seam, said lower boundary portions being fastened together by a second seam, a second cloth slide fastener element coextensive with said longitudinal slits being fastened between said lower boundary portions by said second seam, a flap extending the entire length of said slide fastener elements secured by said second seam, said purse further comprising a substantially stiff frame element, said frame element extending above and beyond both ends of said slide fastener elements and being connected thereto by the exteriorly disposed wall of said purse, said purse further comprising a substantially central longitudinal partition, said partition comprising an upwardly extending flap portion, said partition dividing said purse into interior and exterior compartments, and the flap when pulled down permitting partial access to the interior compartment through said slits.

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